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SUBJECT: IRAQI REACTION TO U.S. STATEMENT ON SOVIET BASES

1. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF SILENCE, IRAQI MEDIA REACTED WITH BANNER HEADLINES TO U.S. STATEMENTS ABOUT SOVIET NAVAL BASE AT UM QASR. REACTION WAS BY POLITICAL EDITOR OF IRAQI NEWS AGENCY. MAIN POINTS FOLLOW (ASSUME TEXT IN FBIS):

2. AMERICAN STATEMENT ABOUT EXISTENCE OF SOVIET MILITARY BASE AT UM QASR IS "PURE FABRICATION" AND AIMS AT JUSTIFYING AMERICAN MILITARY BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN WHERE U.S.
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AND COLONIALIST CIRCLES ATTEMPTING TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR

POSITION DESPITE STRONG OBJECTION FROM COUNTRIES OF AREA,
IN FOREFRONT OF WHICH IS IRAQ WHICH WANTS AREA TO BE
PEACEFUL ZONE WITH NO MILITARY BASES.

3. IRAQ IS NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY WHICH FOLLOWS INDEPENDENT
PATH IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY, REJECTS FOREIGN BASES AND MILI-
TARY ALLIANCES, AND CONSOLIDATES RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES
TO PROTECT ITS SOVEREIGNTY FROM ANY FOREIGN INFLUENCE.

4. IN HARMONY WITH THIS POLICY, IRAQ REJECTS ESTABLISHMENT
OF ANY BASES ON ITS LAND. THIS POLICY IS NOT IN CONTRA-
DICTION WITH FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES,
FOREMOST OF WHICH IS USSR WITH WHICH IRAQ IS BOUND IN
FRIENDSHIP TREATY THAT DOES NOT AIM AT ESTABLISHING MILITARY
BASES.

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